

# A Green Building Tour

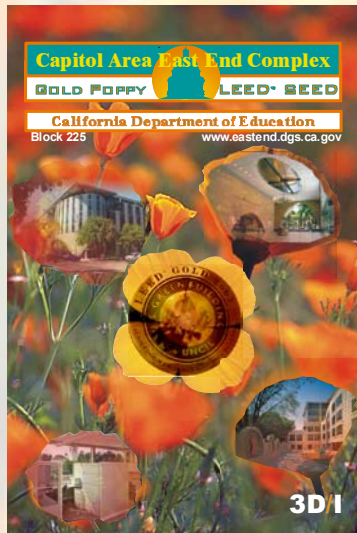


## Capitol Area East End Complex

California Department of Education Headquarters

1430 N Street (15<sup>th</sup> & N Sts), Downtown Sacramento 95814

**A self-guided virtual tour of environmental and worker-friendly architecture, engineering, construction and landscaping amenities**



The Golden Poppy became California's State Flower in 1903, celebrating its centennial during April and May 2003. Its botanical name, *Eschsholtzia californica*, was given by Adelbert Von Chamisso, a naturalist who arrived in northern California in 1816 surrounded by hills of the golden flowers. Native Americans living in the Northern Sacramento Valley boiled and ate the feathery foliage. In Southern California, Spanish Californians and Indians made a hair dressing out of golden poppy oil. It is said that, during the Gold Rush, Indians believed the gold that prospectors searched for was fallen poppy petals.

It seems only 'natural' that the Project Team, when developing the project logo in 1998, agreed the Golden Poppy be so prominently symbolized. Naturally, the 100-year anniversary of this beloved flower coincides with the completion of California's newest symbol of environmental stewardship, the Capitol Area East End Complex. The California Department of Education state office building is the 'greenest' in state history and, at the time of award, the largest project in the world to be recognized with a GOLD LEED™ rating by the United States Green Building Council.



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